



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for June 25 - July 1

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Hot and dry weather affected most of the state during the past week. High winds affected some field crops in areas of the Low Plains. Precipitation was low throughout most of the state, but areas of the Southern Plains and the Edwards Plateau received up to 1.5 inches of rain, with isolated areas getting upwards of 3 inches. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Wheat harvest was winding down in the High Plains. Some producers in the Edwards Plateau were getting their fields ready for planting small grains.

Row Crops: Dryland cotton had little emergence in the High Plains, while irrigated cotton continued to progress. Some fields in the Northern High Plains were showing signs of wet weather blight. Weather conditions continued to delay cotton progress in the Low Plains and the Blacklands. In areas of the Coastal Bend, South Texas and the Lower Valley, cotton responded well to recent rainfalls and continued irrigation. Conditions continued to dry out corn in areas of the Blacklands, while ear development was being hampered due to the lack of water. Sorghum and corn harvest began in areas of South Texas. Sorghum was starting to bloom in the Southern High Plains. Harvest of sorghum continued in the Coastal Bend, South Texas and the Lower Valley. Rice was heading and flowering in the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Watermelon harvest was underway in South Texas and the Northern High Plains. Pecan trees in the Trans-Pecos were in need of supplemental water.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock conditions remained mostly good to fair across the state. Fly and mosquito numbers remained high in North East Texas and the Northern Low Plains. Supplemental feeding was reported in the Northern Low Plains, North East Texas, The Edwards Plateau and South Texas. Pasture and range condition was rated 63 percent fair to poor.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Silked	59	57	62	60
Dough	49	34	47	42
Dented	30	18	34	27
Cotton				
Squaring	31	23	34	28
Setting Bolls	13	10	14	9
Peanuts				
Pegging	10	5	14	15
Rice				
Headed	51	28	52	37
Sorghum				
Headed	60	57	67	58
Coloring	50	39	46	40
Mature	33	20	26	23
Harvested	9	N/A	11	6
Soybeans				
Blooming	47	35	53	43
Sunflowers				
Planted	90	85	90	93
Harvested	30	25	39	N/A
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	80	71	92	83
Oats				
Harvested	93	87	94	94

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2018	2017
Corn	0	30	42	17	11	57	81
Cotton	2	23	39	27	9	54	68
Peanuts	0	26	73	1	0	67	77
Rice	10	47	42	1	0	79	81
Sorghum	1	23	38	31	7	53	76
Soybeans	5	28	51	10	6	64	82
Wheat	2	17	31	21	29	43	66
Oats	14	44	26	4	12	72	68
Range and Pasture	5	19	36	27	13	--	--

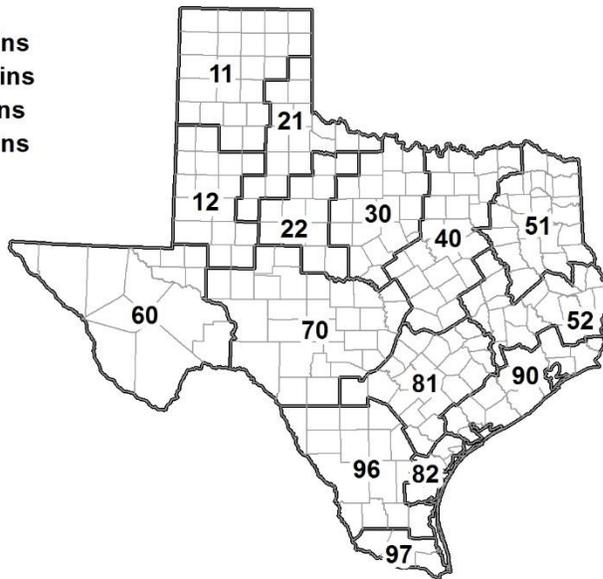
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

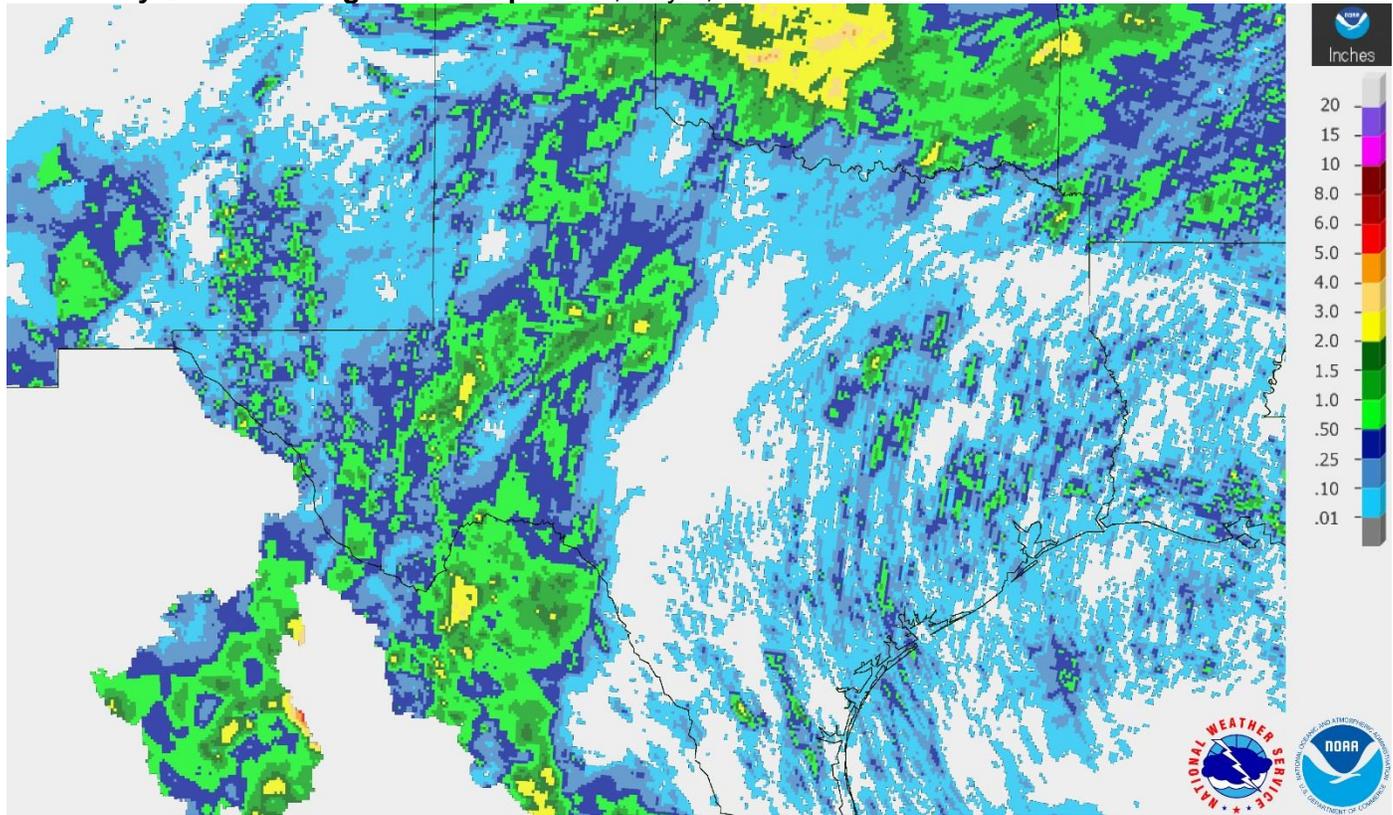
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	20	44	36	0	23	50	27	0	6.0
12	44	38	15	3	77	9	13	1	6.7
21	27	46	25	2	15	55	30	0	6.7
22	36	54	10	0	26	52	22	0	6.6
30	34	55	11	0	19	67	14	0	6.9
40	47	32	20	1	41	35	24	0	6.6
51	29	49	22	0	28	47	25	0	6.8
52	2	31	62	5	2	34	59	5	6.2
60	60	8	32	0	34	34	32	0	6.7
70	66	32	2	0	48	37	15	0	6.9
81	36	24	40	0	34	34	32	0	6.6
82	0	0	78	22	9	19	57	15	5.0
90	3	13	79	5	2	27	63	8	4.5
96	47	17	30	6	44	24	32	0	5.1
97	15	29	44	12	15	29	44	12	5.5
State	32	37	29	2	34	37	27	2	6.3

Texas Agricultural Districts

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley

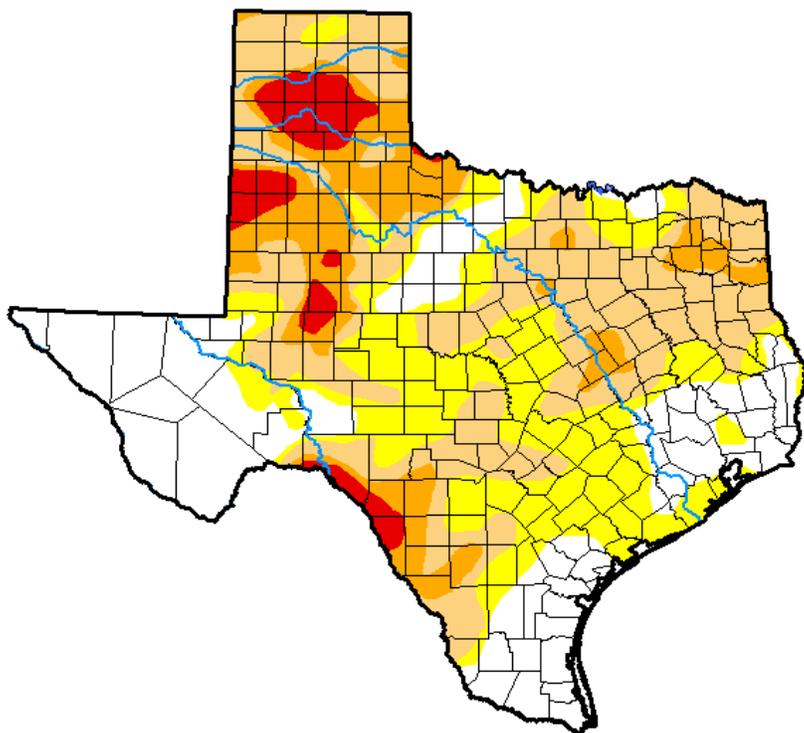


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 1, 2018.



Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov.

Drought Monitor, Valid June 26, 2018.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.33	72.67	47.80	17.91	5.07	0.00
Last Week <i>06-19-2018</i>	25.97	74.03	47.12	18.88	3.78	0.64
3 Months Ago <i>03-27-2018</i>	26.19	73.81	64.23	28.30	15.08	1.21
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>06-27-2017</i>	76.48	23.52	5.98	0.61	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.

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